

## Senate Bill No. 557

### CHAPTER 99

An act to amend Section 354 of, and to amend and repeal Section 444 of, the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 557, Peace. Highways: relinquishment: State Highway Routes 54 and 144.

(1) Existing law requires the California Transportation Commission to relinquish to any city or county any portion of any state highway within the city or county that has been deleted from the state highway system by legislative enactment. Those relinquishments become effective upon the first day of the next calendar or fiscal year, whichever first occurs after the effective date of the legislative enactment.

This bill would authorize the commission to relinquish to the City of El Cajon a specified portion of State Highway Route 54, upon terms and conditions the commission finds to be in the best interests of the state. The relinquishment would become effective immediately following the commission's approval of the terms and conditions of the relinquishment. The portion of State Highway Route 54 relinquished as specified would cease to be a state highway on the effective date of the relinquishment.

The bill would authorize the commission to relinquish State Highway Route 144, as described, to the City of Santa Barbara, upon a determination by the commission that it is in the best interests of the state to do so, and if the city has agreed to accept the relinquishment. The relinquishment would be made upon terms and conditions approved by the commission and would be effective on the day immediately following the commission's approval of those terms and conditions.

(2) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 354 of the Streets and Highways Code is amended to read:

354. (a) Route 54 is from Route 5 near the Sweetwater River to Route 8 near El Cajon.

(b) (1) The commission may relinquish to the City of El Cajon the portion of Route 54 that is located between the southern city limits of El Cajon and the intersection with Route 8, upon terms and conditions the commission finds to be in the best interests of the state.

(2) A relinquishment under this subdivision shall become effective immediately following the commission's approval of the terms and conditions of the relinquishment.

(3) On and after the effective date of the relinquishment, all of the following shall occur:

(A) The portion of Route 54 relinquished under this subdivision shall cease to be a state highway.

(B) The portion of Route 54 relinquished under this subdivision may not be considered for future adoption under Section 81.

(C) Route 54 shall be from Route 5 near the Sweetwater River to Route 8 near the eastern city limits of the City of El Cajon.

(c) The City of El Cajon may not impose any special restriction on the operation of buses or commercial motor vehicles, as defined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Section 34601 of the Vehicle Code, on the portion of Route 54 relinquished under subdivision (b) if that restriction is in addition to restrictions imposed by the department or authorized under other provisions of law.

SEC. 2. Section 444 of the Streets and Highways Code is amended to read:

444. (a) Route 144 is from Route 101 in Santa Barbara to Route 192 via Sycamore Canyon.

(b) Upon a determination by the commission that it is in the best interests of the state to do so, the commission may, upon terms and conditions approved by it, relinquish Route 144 to the City of Santa Barbara, if the city has agreed to accept it. The relinquishment shall be effective on the day immediately following the commission's approval of the terms and conditions.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until the date the relinquishment authorized under subdivision (b) becomes effective, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is enacted on or before that date, deletes or extends that date.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to provide, at the earliest possible time, authority for the California Transportation Commission to relinquish a portion of State Highway Route 54 to the City of El Cajon, and State Highway Route 144 to the City of Santa Barbara, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

